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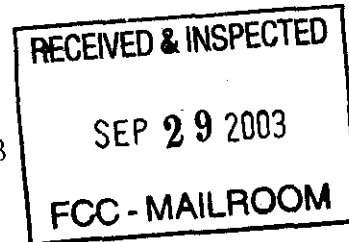
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
§§54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Dortch & Ms. Flannery:

Based on representations made to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, (APSC), by the listed carriers, the APSC hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in Arkansas will be used consistent with section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The following listed companies have certified to the APSC that they will use federal high cost support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and/or 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

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Rural Carriers

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
ALLTEL Arkansas, Inc.	401691
Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.	401692
Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	401697
CenturyTel of Arkansas, Inc.	401705
CenturyTel of Central Arkansas LLC	401144
CenturyTel of Mountain Home, Inc.	401711
CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.	270431
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC	401124 (Russellville)
	401143 (Siloam Springs)
CenturyTel of Redfield, Inc.	401720
CenturyTel of South Arkansas, Inc.	401727
Cleveland County Telephone Company	401698
Decatur Telephone Company	401699
Lavaca Telephone Company, Inc d/b/a Pinnacle Communications	401704
Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.	401709
Magazine Telephone Company	401710
Mountain View Telephone Company	401712
Northern Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.	401713
Prairie Grove Telephone Company	401718
Rice Belt Telephone Co., Inc.	401721
Ritter Telephone Company	401722
Scott County Telephone Company	403031
South Arkansas Telephone Company	401702
Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	401724
Tri-County Telephone Company	401726
Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P.	(not provided)
Walnut Hill Telephone Company	401729
Yelcot Telephone Company	401733
Yell County Telephone Company	401734

Non-Rural Carriers

Sprint Spectrum, L.P.	409001
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SBC Arkansas (study area code 405211) does not receive high cost support pursuant to the FCC's Universal Service support mechanism, but does receive support pursuant to the FCC's Interstate Access Fund (47 C.F.R. §54.806). SBC provides direct certification to the FCC for that support in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.809. SBC has certified to the APSC that any support

which might be received pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.301 will be used only for the purposes for which the support is intended.

If any additional information is needed to assure certification of these carriers, please contact me.

Please return a copy of this letter, noting your receipt, in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope.

Cordially,



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Public Service Commission

cc: Mr. Steve Mowery (ALLTEL Arkansas, Inc.)
Mr. Randy McCaslin (Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.)
Mr. Steve Faris (Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc)
Mr. Terrance Hinkston (CenturyTel of Arkansas, Inc.; CenturyTel of Central Arkansas LLC; CenturyTel of Mountain Home, Inc.; CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.; CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC; CenturyTel of Redfield, Inc.; CenturyTel of South Arkansas, Inc.)
Mr. Kevin Hess (Cleveland County Telephone Company; Decatur Telephone Company)
Mr. Keith Gibson (Lavaca Telephone Company, Inc d/b/a Pinnacle Communications)
Mr. Tom Shrum (Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.)
Mr. H. G. Stone (Magazine Telephone Company)
Mr. Kenneth Sutton (Mountain View Telephone Company)
Mr. Steven G. Sanders (Northern Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.)
Mr. Rick Reed (Prairie Grove Telephone Company)
Mr. Robert C. Pierson (Rice Belt Telephone Co., Inc.)
Mr. John Strode (Ritter Telephone Company, Tri-County Telephone Company)
Mr. Robert Prince (Scott County Telephone Company)
Mr. Greg Ashcraft (South Arkansas Telephone Company)
Mr. Bill Hegmann (Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.)
Mr. Roger W. Steiner (Sprint Spectrum, L.P.)
Ms. Dianne E. M. Barbosa (Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P.)
Mr. Vance Judd (Walnut Hill Telephone Company)
Mr. Lang Zimmerman (Yelcot Telephone Company)
Mr. Larry Frazier (Yell County Telephone Company)
Mr. Edward Drilling (SBC Arkansas)